

## News Gathered During the Past Week

The Most Important Happenings of a Week Briefly  
Told by Our Staff Correspondents

### Plain View Pickings.

Henry Neimeier and wife and sister-in-law were shopping in Marceline last week.

We forgot to say last week that Miss Mamie Carson of Caloosa, Cal., is visiting her father and mother, Dan Essig and wife.

Jesse Stile and crew lit down in this neighborhood last week and threshed everything in the way of wheat, oats and rye.

Mrs. Dan Essig and Mrs. Fred Meyer went to visit Mrs. Meyer's brother, Fred Miner, near Keytesville, for a few days and Dan and Fred looked mighty lonesome Sunday.

Hez. Baker of near New Cambria was around last week looking for butcher stuff, but he cleaned us out so completely last winter we don't think he made much of a haul this time.

John Lake and son, Charlie, made some cider last week and as ye sorbie happened to be at the right place at the right time helped to dispose of quite a bit of it and we pronounced it good.

Some low down sneak went into John Chrisman's, Andrew Lake's, Wm. Lake's and George Essig's watermelon patches and utterly destroyed every melon. If that isn't right down cussedness what is?

Wm. Lake and wife and J. E. Fox and wife, delegates of the Baptist church at Plain View, go this week to the association to be held at Darkeville, Randolph county. We wish them a safe and profitable journey.

Ollie Conrad says the quickest way for one to get fat is to get into a big bumblebees' nest as he tried it one day last week with one side of his face. He says he likes that way as there is something sorter "touching" about it.

Marceline had another big fire Monday evening, the laundry, with all its machinery. We never learned whether it was insured or not. We can't see how they controlled the fire like they did as there were several frame buildings almost adjoining the laundry and a big lumber yard just across the alley.

### Mike Matters

There was an all-day meeting at Bethel church Sunday.

Henry Miller and family attended church in Marceline Sunday.

Miss Una Veal and mother were shopping in Brookfield Tuesday.

Geo. Womaack spent Tuesday and Wednesday nights with John Redding.

The Bille schoolhouse, which was destroyed by fire last week, is being rebuilt.

Miss Florence Alderson of Marceline is a charming guest at the Walker home.

Rev. R. L. Wood of Marceline will preach at White Oak church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. R. S. Maupin of Marceline spent a few days last week with his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Hedrick.

Miss Laura Hedrick returned home Friday after an extended visit to friends and relatives near Dalton.

A. Neal and wife attended the Baptist Sunday meeting in Marceline Saturday night and Sunday.

Mo. Vaughn of Sedalia was calling on old friends and looking after the interests of his farm here last week.

Mrs. Will Adams of Keytesville and sister, Mrs. Chas. Miller

of Kansas City, visited relatives here the first of last week.

James Pierce and wife and little daughter, Elsie B., returned home Monday after several weeks' sojourn in Idaho and other western states.

### Mendon Mention

Jim Head was in Salisbury Monday on business.

Lige Swift and Miss Dell Lamb were Brunswick visitors Sunday.

Alvin Accola is in Salisbury this week attending the Chautauqua.

Miss Fern Fletcher came home Tuesday from an extended visit to Salisbury friends.

Don't forget the Christian church dedication and basket dinner next Sunday.

Dr. W. B. Lucas took a party of our citizens to Brunswick last Sunday in his new auto.

Mrs. B. C. Smutz and Mrs. G. F. DeVol went to Carrollton Monday to attend the Chautauqua.

Everett Kincaid and R. B. Hubbard were registered at the Brown hotel in Brunswick Sunday.

Palmer Shupe who moved from here to Salisbury, is reported as doing well in his new place of business.

Free lecture at the Christian church next Saturday night by Eld. Jas. T. Nichols of Des Moines, Iowa.

Eld. G. F. DeVol gave two addresses at the county meeting of the Christian church held at Brunswick last week.

A large delegation from here attended the county meeting of the Christian church at Brunswick last Saturday and Sunday.

The writer had the pleasure of hearing the platform entertainer, Senator R. L. Taylor, at the Salisbury Chautauqua Monday afternoon.

The Mendon Constitution did a generous thing by running the full program of the county meeting of the Christian church in its columns for two weeks without charge.

Drs. West and Lucas have each purchased a Ford auto. The Lucas car is a double seated machine while the West car is a runabout. Should you get a fish bone in your throat the help can now come quickly.

The COURIER is a dandy advertising medium. The "ad." for the sale of the chairs of the Christian church got so many coming "our way" that we soon had to call the sale off as there were no more chairs.

This is the last call of your attention to the dedication of the Christian church next Sunday. Do not forget the date. A basket dinner will be served on the grounds at noon. Special music and good addresses will be the order of the day.

A. A. DeVol whistled at the Salisbury Chautauqua Tuesday evening in connection with the celebrated English bell-ringers and made a decided "hit." Mr. DeVol's whistling is without compare. Senator Bob Taylor, who heard Mr. DeVol whistle at the above place, said: "It is the most wonderful thing I ever heard."

The controlling interest in the Mendon State bank passed into the hands of Newton Long last week and he was elected president. Geo. B. Henderson is vice-president and R. T. Brightwell will remain the cashier. This financial institution is one among the substantial monied

activities of Chariton county and we are sure the patrons of this bank will get a square deal. Mendon is, indeed, fortunate in her banks. The Bank of Mendon is one of the strong monied concerns of the county and with B. C. Smutz as president and Lloyd Stewart as cashier and our genial friend, "Chet" Felt as assistant cashier we are well fixed for good banks.

### Salisbury Squabbings.

E. T. Baker made a business trip to Moberly this week.

Mrs. Davis sold a lot in Hedgepeth's addition to Mrs. Griswold for \$150.

Sarah A. Mosher has been appointed administratrix of her husband's estate.

Dr. G. B. Gallimore left last Thursday for a trip to New Mexico on business.

Miss Minnie Clarkson of Fulton visited her father's family here over Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Ireland has had another spell with her heart. Her condition is improving.

W. R. Slaughter is in Meade county, Kas., superintending the erection of some buildings on his big ranch.

Will Percival, whose skull was fractured in a runaway some time ago, is recovering and will soon be out.

Salisbury has a J. P. that admits he does not know the law. A commission of delunatio inquiring may be ordered.

The laying of the corner-stone of the new Christian church drew a fair-sized crowd, and the ceremonies were impressive.

Cary Dodd has sold his 100 acre farm to Fred Winn et al for \$4,000. Fred took 40 acres, his son, Virgil, 40 and Omer Boes 20.

Vacant houses are filling up rapidly and those who contemplate spending the winter in town had better get a move on them.

Rev. Duvall has been elected moderator, or president, of the C. P. general assembly of the state for the ensuing year. An honor worthily bestowed.

The arrival of a new girl at the home of Clyde Smith, coupled with his real estate deal last week, has kept the father and agent on the jump.

We learn that a deputation of the law and order league waited on our soft drink sellers and warned them that only soft drinks must be sold in future.

Mrs. C. C. Hammond went to Minneapolis last week and will return in Joe Ingram's auto. Unless too dusty this will be a pleasant trip, and a good chance to see the country.

Judge Rucker was over Monday to hear his friend, Bob Taylor, and laughed at the gray whiskered chestnuts as heartily as any of us. Judge Minter smiled occasionally, while Tom Hamilton and Mat Wilhite simply roared.

Word comes from Texas that Ed Forrest, who lost his leg in a railroad accident recently, is improving and will be taken to the hospital at Sedalia. The loss of his leg is a sad blow to Ed's family, as well as himself, and both have the sympathy of all.

Our city has been crowded all week and yet news items are as hard to pick up as ever. Bob Taylor drew a large crowd and made good as usual, but others have done equally as well, and many are of the opinion that Judge Alden excelled the Tennessean.

### Summer Squibs.

Clay Garton went to Moberly Wednesday.

Mrs. Ernest Thompson is very sick of typhoid fever.

J. W. Stobaugh was in Brookfield Friday on business.

Ben Little has returned from a visit to friends and relatives in Illinois.

Eld. E. G. Merrill will preach at the Christian church next Sun-

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day. All are cordially invited to attend.

Robert Dunegan returned home Friday after a week's visit with friends here.

James Wright and son, Charles, returned to their home in Kelso, Ark., this week.

Mrs. Arthur Hickerson and little son of Quincy, Ill., are visiting her uncle, J. W. Gilbert.

Mrs. Perry, whose health was thought to be improving, was taken much worse Thursday.

Walter Smart has rented his farm, southeast of town, to Jake Adams and has moved his family to Brookfield.

Mrs. Florence Mathews has the material hauled for a granitoid walk in front of her residence on North Elm street.

Press Morgan went to Chillicothe Sunday to join his wife who has been visiting her parents for the past week.

Mrs. Dave Barnett and children came in from Kansas this week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Butler Smart.

Born, Thursday, August 26, to Mr. and Mrs. James Waugh, Jr., a nine-pound baby girl. Mother and babe are doing well.

Our town seemed almost forsaken last Sunday. Nearly every family, large or small, attended the Chautauqua at Meadville that day.

Mrs. Henry Jacobs of Linneus, while on her way to visit her brother, Ira Landra of Prairie Hill, stopped off here between trains to visit the family of J. D. Stoner.

While Ralph McKee was out riding Sunday with his best girl his team became frightened at an auto, throwing the occupants of the buggy out and injuring one of the horses seriously.

James Wright, who had just returned to his home in Kelso, Ark., died very suddenly Tuesday morning and will be buried

there. His son, Charles, was with him at the time of his death.

Mrs. William Watterson and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Levi Buckels of Moulton, Iowa, started to Arkansas to visit Mrs. Watterson's sister, but will stop off in Kansas City to visit relatives for a few days.

The remains of John D. Smith were brought here from Kansas City Saturday and laid to rest in Lakeside cemetery. He was born in Schuyler county, Mo., November 16, 1856, and died August 26, 1909. He suffered for some time with heart disease, but was confined to his bed for only three weeks before his death. He leaves a wife and five children, two sisters and two brothers to mourn his death. Three children preceded him to the great beyond. He was conscious to the last and asked his sons and daughters to become Christians and meet him in that home where parting is no more. He united with the Christian church of Independence Avenue in Kansas City. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved family.

The six-weeks' drouth was broken yesterday morning by a good shower of rain, and everybody can now get the dust out of their throat and the sand out of their craw, provided they have more sand than they need.

### Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the post-office in Keytesville for week ending Thursday, September 2, 1909:

Miss Agima Rayl,  
Mr. W. H. Norwell.  
When calling for the above please say "advertised."  
D. J. HOLMAN, Postmaster.

So far as its service to the public is concerned, the post-office department of the United States government is efficient and well managed. But in at least one particular it needs a thorough house-cleaning. We refer to the arbitrary powers vested in the postmaster-general—executive powers exceeding those of any other government official. It is now in the postmaster-general's province to throw newspapers out of the mails or to issue a "fraud order" against any business concern and effectually put it out of business, at his own caprice or at the dictation of any powerful influence which may inspire him. Such arbitrary power should not be given to any man. It makes of the postmaster-general a tyrant, benevolent or otherwise, as he sees fit. It makes of him a menace to a free press and to legitimate business that does not happen to possess the favor of the powerful interests. It is dangerous to the republic for any man to hold such power.

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